Invention of medicines for AIDS and Cancer by private firms/agencies

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many private firms/agencies claiming to have invented medicines for AIDS and Cancer are selling their products in the markets;

(b) if so, the number of such companies operating in the market;

(c) whether Government have done any test to prove the antecedent/efficacy of these firms as well as medicines;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any ban is proposed on these drugs till their genuineness is certified; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (f) There have been some reports of private agencies providing treatment of AIDS and Cancer. In one case of Shri T.A. Majeed of M/s Fair Pharma, Ernakulam, Drugs Controller, Kerala issued a showcause notice to the manufacturer and withdrew the permission of the product. The order was challenged but Hon'ble High Court of Kerala has upheld the order of Drugs Controller and Licensing Authority, Kerala.

States have been requested to remain vigilant towards such cases and take necessary action immediately.